THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 6th May 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Payment of higher rate of land tax by the ryots of Anjarakandi Estate, North Malabar.

* 501 [a] *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the ryots of the Anjarakandi Estate in North Malabar pay to the Government, a land tax higher than that prevailing outside the estate;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether any portion or whole has been leased out to any establishments or private individuals; and

(*d*) if so, when and what portion?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that the ryots are asked to pay the revenue due from the owners and if it is a fact, what action do the Government propose to take to collect the revenue from the owners themselves? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member's supplementary question is about an altogether different subject. The main question is about the ryots' paying a tax higher than that prevailing outside the estate. The hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Is it a fact that this estate was leased out to the British ruling families by a previous provincial Government long ago and if so, will the Government state the terms under which the estate was leased out? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has gone away from the main question."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" The Hon. Minister can answer this question, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is not the point. We must follow certain rules in all these matters. I pass on to the next question."

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[a] Postponed from the list of questions for 5th May 1954.